

Students at Woody Road

Students are a vital part of our church at Woody Road. We would love you to become part of our fellowship during your time at Oxford; both to provide a home for you and that you may be an encouragement to us!

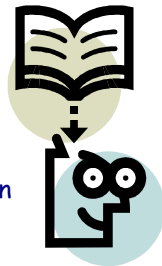
Why Woody Road?

...become part of a church family!

We firmly believe that we grow as Christians in a community of people from different backgrounds and different ages. Woody Road has a regular congregation of around 100, making it easy to get to know others in the church fairly quickly. We try to avoid doing too many separate student meetings so that students get the opportunity to meet the whole church family. During term time there is a *church lunch* immediately after the Sunday morning service (from experience a fantastic opportunity to get to know others!). We also invite students to be part of our *homegroups* that meet in different homes around Oxford once a fortnight. Over the years a number of students have also regularly *met up with an older Christian* in the church to look at the Bible, pray and chat...and perhaps a coffee if you play your cards right!

...train for Christian service!

Training is a real priority for us as a church. We believe that as a student you can be training not only in whatever course you may be studying, but also for life as a Christian wherever God may lead you. We have two *Student Gatherings* a term- a meal (in keeping with the church's obsession with feeding their students!) followed by an interactive study on an issue relevant to students. There is also, starting this term, the *Woody Road Training Scheme* for those who want to go further. It meets twice a term on a Saturday morning; it covers key doctrines, a Bible overview,



ethical issues and some church history. There is a different module each term- come to whatever interests you!

...be supported in your CU!

Both of the pastors at the church used to work for UCCF (the group that co-ordinates the work of CUs in universities). We are very aware of the unique opportunities and pressures of university life and also the work the Christian Unions do in them. We believe that CUs have a great role in witnessing in colleges and on campus- and in uniting Christians from different churches. Some of our students are involved in different ways in both of Oxford's universities, and we seek to encourage and pray for students involved in CUs.

Getting Started

Please come along to one of our services! We meet at 10.30am and 6.30pm. The church is around a mile or so up Woodstock Road off St. Giles. It takes ten minutes on a bike- or you can get the number 6 bus from Magdalen Street! If you come in the morning, do stay for lunch!

Student Team

We have a team that heads up our contact with students. Andy used to study history at Exeter College and is now one of the two pastors at the church. Contact him at andy@wrbc.org.uk or on 01865 559047.

Beth claims to have studied at a better college. She also did history then taught for a bit before coming back to Oxford to do a DPhil. Contact her at elizabeth.green@green.ox.ac.uk Julie is an Australian scientist who recently completed her DPhil. She can be reached at jasteb@hotmail.com

Alternatively for more details contact one of our current students:

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